

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

On page 21, please insert the following paragraph between lines 1 and 2:

--Fig. 10 is a graph illustrating the temperature, extension rate, and extension speed of a glass body from an initial state to a steady state;--

On page 21, please amend the paragraph beginning at line 2 as follows:

Fig. ~~40~~ 11 is a view of a state of deformation of the glass body before the start of drawing; and

On page 21, please amend the paragraph beginning at line 4 as follows:

Fig. ~~44~~ 12 is a view of the shape of the extended portion of the glass body when an extended meniscus shape is formed after the start of the extending.

On page 39, please amend the paragraph beginning at line 22 as follows:

Figure ~~40~~ 11 shows the shape of the glass body in the initial stage of drawing in which the meniscus has not yet been formed.

On page 39, please amend the paragraph beginning at line 25 through line 2 on page 40 as follows:

Figure ~~44~~ 12 shows the state where the drawn meniscus is formed after an elapse of a predetermined time and the shape of the glass body changes.

On page 40, please amend the paragraph beginning at line 3 as follows:

In Fig. 44 12, the first portion 21A for measurement of the outer diameter of the extended portion 21 of the optical fiber glass body 20 is located at the position where the meniscus angle θ at the extended meniscus 21a is 4° or less.